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REMARKS

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1. On 16 February 1953, about 120 to 150 soldiers, at least 24 T-34 tanks, including and 2 trucks were detrained at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station. The train left at 4:10 p.m. toward Belzig. stated that, on 10 or 12 February, tanks were unloaded at the Pritzerbe railroad station. The troop units left the Pritzerbe area after about three days, marching toward Rathenow.²

2. On 18 February, 32 T-34 tanks, 3 SU-76 guns, 22 armored scout cars, including 5 equipped with radio; 32 x 76.2-mm AT guns and 4 x 100-mm AT guns were seen in the Putlitz Kaserne in "cstock."³ At 2:55 p.m. on 22 February, 4 x 45-mm AT guns, 4 x 100-mm AT guns and an undetermined number of trucks were unloaded by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets at the Bernau railroad station.⁴

3. From 10 to 19 February, the Sachsenhausen concentration camp at Oranienburg was occupied by an estimated 4,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia. T-34 tanks JS-1 tanks 6 JS-2 tanks, including about 10 JS-3 tanks, 2 armored scout cars, and 4 armored personnel carriers mounting AA machine guns were observed. On 10 February, 16 prime movers and 16 x 85-mm AA guns arrived by rail, coming from the direction of Velten. An informant who worked in the installation until recently stated that 80 T-34/85 tanks, about 40 JS-1, JS-2 and JS-3 tanks, 10 SU-100 guns, 12 JSU-122 guns, about 16 x 85-mm AA guns, 2 armored scout cars and an undetermined number of armored personnel carriers, AA machine gun carriers and AT guns were in the installation. A small engineer unit and a supply unit were also stationed there.⁵

1. Comment. The entraining of 20 T-34 tanks of the 63d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div on 16 February was also reported possible that the train went to Satz Korn. For additional information on this shipment, see Comment of the reference report.

2. Comment. The information on the detraining of tanks cannot be accounted for. According to records on transportation, a tank company, presumably of the 10th Gds Tank Div, went from Satz Korn to Pritzerbe on 4 February. The company, along with tank units of the 63d Gds Tank Regt of the division stationed in Brandenburg, may have

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subsequently participated in exercises in the area north of Pritzerbe and east of Rathenow. [REDACTED] However, as these observations were made in early February, it appears doubtful whether there was a connection with the exercises of units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army which took place in the area northeast of Rathenow from 17 to 20 February.

3. [REDACTED] Comment. The AT guns observed are fairly definitely believed to belong to the units of the 3d Gds AT Arty Brig carried in the Putlitz Kaserne. See [REDACTED] The Fusilier Kaserne adjoining the Putlitz Kaserne to the east is occupied by the 3d Mecz Regt of the Eggesin Division (KVPD) Rostock). With the designation Putlitz Kaserne [REDACTED] to the two installations, thus reporting incorrect data on the actual occupation of the Putlitz Kaserne.

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. The unloading probably involved units of the unidentified army artillery brigade of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army returning from exercises held northeast of Rathenow. The shipment is believed to have been one of the trains which, according to records on transportation, went from Rathenow and/or Premnitz to Bernau on 21 February. [REDACTED]

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5. [REDACTED] Comment. Compared with a report of 10 February 1953 [REDACTED] the concentration camp in Sachsenhausen appears to be occupied as previously by units of the 25th Tank Div. [REDACTED] The heavy weapons mentioned [REDACTED] probably belong, among other units, to the 111th and 162d Tank Regts, the 53d Mtrcl Bn, the unidentified tank training battalion and the 219th (?) AAA Regt. [REDACTED] also observed equipment of the 194th Engr Bn and the unidentified motor transport battalion. The AAA shipment observed on 10 February, possibly involved units of the above mentioned AAA regiment. The shipment was not indicated in reports on transportation.

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